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TAGS: PORG, MOPS, IS, LE

SUBJECT: SAFETY OF UNTSO OFFICERS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON

REF: STATE 166534

1. IN LINE WITH CONTINUING CONCERN HERE OVER SAFETY  
OF UN MILITARY OBSERVERS (UNMO) IN SOUTHERN LEBANON,  
DOD HAS STUDIED OPTIONS FOR IMPROVING UNTSO MEDICAL  
EVACUATION CAPABILITIES. REVIEW STIMULATED BY  
INCIDENT JULY 14 IN WHICH UNTSO FIELD SERVICE OFFICER  
SERIOUSLY INJURED BY LAND MINE ON OBSERVER POST RELIEF  
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ROAD IN LEBANON. OFFICER WAS EVACUATED TO ISRAEL  
THROUGH NAQURAH, WHERE THE IDF DOCTOR/AMBULANCE  
TRANSPORTED HIM TO ISRAELI HOSPITAL.

2. TWO MAJOR OPTIONS APPEAR TO BE:

-- STATIONING OF UN HELICOPTER AT BEIRUT INTERNATIONAL

AIRPORT. BORDER CROSSING PROBLEMS WOULD BE ELIMINATED SINCE EVACUATION WOULD BE TO BEIRUT.

-- STATIONING OF ONE OR TWO WHEELED AMBULANCES AT NAQURAH IN LEBANON. AMBULANCES WOULD FOLLOW NORMAL RELIEF ROUTE TO AND FROM NAQURAH WHEN TIME PERMITTED,

BUT IN EXTREME EMERGENCY UNTSO SHOULD BE PREPARED TO SEND AMBULANCE THROUGH GATES IN ISRAELI SECURITY FENCE, IF SITUATION DICTATES. BOTH OPTIONS WOULD ENTAIL HAVING EITHER A DOCTOR (UNEF--POLISH OR LOCAL HIRE) OR PARA-MEDICAL PERSONNEL ON HAND.

3. REQUEST VIEWS OF ACTION ADDRESSEES AS TO FEASIBILITY OF THESE OPTIONS, PARTICULARLY FROM THE POLITICAL POINT OF VIEW. OTHER IDEAS WOULD ALSO BE WELCOME. THESE OPTIONS SHOULD NOT, REPEAT NOT, BE DISCUSSED AT THIS TIME WITH NON-AMERICANS. AFTER RECEIVING YOUR COMMENTS, WE WILL DECIDE WHETHER TO RAISE MATTER WITH UN OFFICIALS IN NEW YORK.

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